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ABSTRACT

This books considers the many aspects of how the criminal justice system can be reshaped to address the needs of victims of violence and offenders who themselves are often the victims of abuse. It presents a new model that offers an integrated framework to combine tenets of social work's strengths framework with the restorative justice model. It looks at the restorative justice of female crime victims and the treatment of women in prison in the context of human rights issues. The book can be used as a text to help prepare students for jobs doing direct practice with offenders and victims. Chapter 1 provides the theoretical and historical overview of a gendered analysis of women's experience in the legal justice system. Chapter 2 delves into the fundamentals of establishing a treatment relationship as preparation for practice of strengths-based therapy with victims and offenders. Chapter 3 looks at the topic of victimization and Chapter 4 presents interventions. Chapter 5 considers the nature of women's crimes. Chapter 6 presents the results of a survey of 74 federal and state prison facilities in the U.S. that incarcerate women. Chapter 7 discusses counseling the female offender. (Contains over 650 references.) (JDM)

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